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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

 Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chuck Watts on 5/22/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 44-57 have been cancelled.

The amendment is considered appropriate since the applicant listed claims 1-57 together in his amendment to the claims, dated 3/5/08. Although the applicant's amendment was not clear in reference to the status of the claims (i.e. the claim status was omitted from claims 1-57), Claims 1-43 had been previously cancelled in the claim amendment dated 7/5/07, the applicant specified (via the second line of the remarks in the present amendment date 3/5/08) that claims 44-55 had been cancelled, the fourth paragraph of the present remarks indicated that claim 56 had been replaced (i.e. cancelled) and the fifth paragraph indicated that claim 57 had been cancelled.

Therefore, the cancellation above of claims 44-57 is considered consistent with the applicant's response to the previous action. Also, it is considered unnecessary to indicate that claims 1-43 are cancelled again. Therefore, this amendment is considered to effectively indicate that claims 1-57 are cancelled as specified above.

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